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NITROCRESOLS FROM WASTE WATER PRODUCED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MONONITROTOLUENE AND USE OF SAID

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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